

Iron County Register

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NEWS AND NOTES.

A Summary of Important Events.

The Illinois Supreme Court has rendered a decision declaring the Pullman Palace Car Company a common carrier.

The Massachusetts House of Representatives has passed a bill providing for biennial election of State officers and biennial sessions of the Legislature.

Reports that the whites were organizing to exterminate the male Apaches on San Carlos reservation were said to be given credence in the Southwest.

The Jeannette Board of Inquiry convened at Washington on the 30th, and three of the late arrivals of the crew appeared before it. They had no complaints to make.

Advices on the 1st regarding the winter wheat crop, all sections considered, were reported not encouraging. The prospect varied greatly with locality, but as a whole was unfavorable.

Secretary Folger's health was much better on the 29th than it had been for several days, and it was hoped by those about him that within a week he would be so far recovered as to be able to take a trip to Bermuda.

The first star-mail route trial at Washington lasted fifteen weeks. The eighteenth week of the second trial began on the 24th inst., when Merrick, of counsel for the prosecution, resumed the cross-examination of ex-Senator Dorsey.

It was announced on the 29th that the work of cleaning out the Braidwood (Ill.) mines would be abandoned. No bodies were discovered the day before, and it was estimated 6,000 car-loads of material remained to be removed. The mines would be closed.

Dr. Otto Wilhelm Struve, Director of the Imperial Observatory of Pulkova, Russia, was in Boston, Mass., the other day to test the object glass made to order for the Russian Government, the largest ever constructed—thirty inches in diameter.

The Secretary of State has authorized Minister West to say to the Canadian authorities that this Government has no objection to such a change of Canadian customs regulations as would admit of the importation of bonded whisky into Canada from the United States in packages of less than one hundred gallons.

Comptroller Lawrence has rendered a decision that the salary of Congressman Ochiltree, of Texas, must be paid to himself, notwithstanding his indebtedness to the United States, on the grounds that his office is a constitutional one, and that if his salary was withheld he would be deprived of the means of support and his constituents of representation.

The statement of the United States Treasurer showed gold, silver and United States notes in the Treasury on the 31st ult. as follows: Gold coin and bullion, \$184,324,360; silver dollars and bullion, \$107,170,694; fractional silver coin, \$27,802,422; United States notes, \$44,336,262—total, \$363,633,738. Certificates outstanding: Gold, \$42,179,910; silver, \$70,698,490; currency, \$9,680,000.

The business failures in the United States and Canada for the seven days ended March 30 numbered 182, as against 195 for the week previous, distributed as follows: Western States, 58; New England, 14; Southern States, 32; Middle States, 22; Pacific States and Territories, 15; New York City, 9; Canada, 32. The number of failures for three months were 2,896, against 2,127 for the same period last year.

CABLEGRAMS from London, Eng., on the 2d announced that the house of a landlord near Limerick, Ireland, had been plundered. Detectives had left London for America to search for two murderers. The Limerick police force had been reduced on account of the improved condition of affairs. The British War Office was taking measures to thwart the dynamite operators. Threats against officials and Government property continued to be made. The Fenians were accused of sending snail-pox infection through the mails.

There came near being another disaster at the Braidwood (Ill.) mine on the 1st. A party of six men had gone into the mine to bring out bodies which had been discovered, and when they started back they found their way cut off by a fall of stone in the roadway. After much hard work the men were rescued, but one of them was so overcome by the sickening stench he had been obliged to breathe that he had to be carried home on a stretcher. After this adventure other miners refused to enter the mine, and it was thought the search for bodies would have to be abandoned.

All the Executive Departments at Washington were closed on the 28th, the day of the funeral of Postmaster-General Howe, their flags draped in mourning and flying at half-mast. The pillars of the Post-office at New York were draped and the flag placed at half-mast. Business was suspended in the afternoon. At Chicago the Custom-house was draped in mourning. The funeral services at Kenosha, Wis., were exceedingly simple and appropriate, and were attended by many distinguished officials and others. The body was taken to Green Bay in the afternoon for interment at Woodlawn Cemetery.

The Grand Jury of the District of Columbia returned three additional presentments in connection with the star-mail-route frauds on the 27th. In one James T. Brady was charged with unlawfully receiving \$5,000 from Price, the contractor; in the second ex-Senator Kellogg, of Louisiana, and Brady were jointly accused of conspiring with Price to defraud the Government by the expedition of routes; and in the third Kellogg, individually, was alleged to have unlawfully received from Price \$20,000 in consideration of the exercise of his influence in securing certain advantages for Price from the Post-office Department. The indictments were found upon the evidence of Price, who claimed to have made the payments to Brady and Kellogg in cash and post-office drafts.

PERSONAL AND GENERAL.

THREE men, Featherstone, O'Herlihy and Carmody, arrested the night before, were arraigned at Cork, Ireland, on the 30th ult., upon a charge of being members of a secret society having headquarters at Cork. The object of the society was, according to the claims made by the authorities, to commit murders whenever it was believed such a course would advance the interests of their organization, and to blow up buildings in the principal cities of the British Isles. Upon a preliminary examination bail was refused, it being strongly intimated by counsel for prosecution that a number of witnesses were ready to testify in support of the charges.

CONSIDERABLE uneasiness has been reported among the people of Loraine, who nourish a bitter anti-German feeling.

A DAUGHTER of ex-Secretary Hamilton Fish is to marry a son of Sir Stafford Northcote.

At Greenfield, Mass., Conductor E. L. Hasley, of the New Haven & Northampton Railroad, has been found guilty of manslaughter, he disobeying the orders and causing a collision on the State Road last September, in which three persons were killed and others wounded.

CASSIUS C. MERKLE, alleged absconding member of the Pittsburgh (Pa.) paper manufacturing firm, which recently assigned by reason of his withdrawing large sums of money from the partnership fund, has been arrested at Cincinnati, O.

THE President has appointed E. O. Graves Assistant Treasurer of the United States to fill the place of A. U. Wyman, promoted.

THREE hundred and fifty emigrants left Belmullet, County Mayo, Ireland, the other day for America. An immense throng of people witnessed the departure.

LOUISE MICHEL has been arrested at Paris, France, charged with taking part with a mob in plundering a bakery.

An Austrian Count, President of the Court of Cassation, was found murdered at his residence in Ofen a few days ago. He had been strangled and his tongue had been cut out. The house was ransacked by the murderers. A hussar, who was on the premises, has been arrested.

An analysis of explosives seized in Liverpool, Eng., the other day showed them to be of a composition so easily combustible that it was said to be a wonder they did not explode while being carried through the street.

By a landslide on the Cincinnati Southern Railroad, forty miles from Cincinnati, O., on the 30th ult., a train was wrecked and sixty persons injured, some of it was thought fatally.

Mrs. MEAKER, protesting her innocence to the last, was hanged on the 30th ult., at Windsor, Vt., for the murder of her little niece. For the murder of F. N. McDowell, Oliver Bristow was executed at Camden, S. C., and Charles William Beaver paid the penalty of an assault on a little girl with his life at Leesburg, Va., on the same day.

A FOREST fire was reported raging on the Blue Mountain, near Lehigh Gap, Pa., on the 30th ult., and much valuable timber was being destroyed.

The failure of Antonio Lewis, Schutte & Co., general merchants and cigar importers, London, Eng., with liabilities of \$28,000, has been announced.

The death of Rev. Dornment Cole-ridge, son of the celebrated poet, occurred at London, Eng., a few days ago.

LIEUTENANT VESY, United States Navy, and other members of the expedition sent by the American Government to Patagonia to take observations of the transit of Venus, arrived at Liverpool, Eng., on the 29th of their way home.

DAVID WHELAN, an informer, was shot dead at Maryborough, Ireland, on the 29th. One arrest was made.

THREATS having been made to blow up the Post-office at Cork, Ireland, that building was being guarded by military on the 30th ult.

REPORTS from the Scottish coast on the 30th ult. said a terrific and destructive gale had visited that section. Three vessels had gone ashore in the vicinity of Aberdeen. A bark was reported ashore at Holyhead and the crew of twenty-three persons drowned.

DR. GEORGE BUCHANAN, of Philadelphia, Pa., son of the famous bogus diploma doctor, John Buchanan, was convicted recently of having caused the death of Elizabeth Holstein by a criminal surgical operation.

DURING the recent terrific gale off Yarmouth, Eng., six fishing snarks went down and forty sailors were lost.

BURGLARS blew open the safe in a drug-store at Rushville, Yates County, N. Y., the other morning, and stole over \$30,000 in notes, bonds and mortgages, and \$3,000 cash.

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THE charge of embezzlement against Asa F. Leopold, Treasurer of Crystal Lake, Mich., was withdrawn the other day and Leopold has commenced suit against George Bunkel, the accuser, and who caused his arrest, for \$20,000 damages.

THE session of the Missouri Legislature was brought to a decorous close at noon on the 2d.

THE debt of the United States on the 1st, less cash in the Treasury, was \$1,576,931,288. The decrease since June 30 was nearly \$112,000,000.

ISAAC LEHMAN, a well-known Bleeker street manufacturer, had mysteriously disappeared from New York on the 2d and was being anxiously sought by his relatives.

By a majority of one the United States Supreme Court on the 2d reversed the decision of the Missouri Supreme Court in the celebrated Kring case, and the prisoner will escape the gallows to which he has been so often condemned.

A STATEMENT of the assignee of Friend Humphrey's Sons, leather dealers, New York, who failed recently, showed the liabilities to be \$445,097; actual assets, \$120,442.

LIEUTENANT DANENHOWER, of the Jeannette expedition, has been granted leave of absence for one year.

THE base-ball season was opened at St. Louis, Mo., on the 1st by a game between the St. Louis Club and the Grand Avenue.

BISMARCK's sixty-eighth birthday was celebrated at Berlin, Germany, on the 1st in grand style.

ALFRED DE LACOUR, a well-known writer of plays and ballads, died at Paris, France, a few days ago.

It is reported from Washington that the Government will soon establish an experimental farm near that city to ascertain the causes of epidemic diseases among cattle.

THE Rev. Isaac L. Nicholson, D. D., of Philadelphia, Pa., who was elected to the bishopric of Indiana by the Protestant Episcopal Diocesan Convention early last month, has declined the office.

THE residence of the heirs of the late Philip Verplanck, whose estate suffered heavily through the late Judge Taylor's mismanagement, was burned the other morning by an incendiary. Loss, \$15,000.

THE amount remitted to Germany from the United States for the relief of sufferers by the Rhine floods up to the 2d inst. was \$152,376.

A FIRE broke out in Catestreet, Montreal, Canada, a few doors from the Theater Royal, the other evening, and before it could be extinguished \$100,000 damage had been done.

THE Atchafalaya River, in Louisiana, continued to rise on the 2d. A portion of the Pacific railroad track had been flooded, and many plantations were submerged.

A GENERAL order has been issued by the Navy Department changing the title of the grade of master to that of Lieutenant, and the title of midshipman to ensign.

A DISPATCH from Lordsburg, N. M., on the 2d said no news had been received from Captain Black and his company, who were in pursuit of raiding Indians, and it was feared they had been ambushed and annihilated.

HIRAM SIBLEY & Co., New York, the other day forwarded 30,000 packages of selected garden seed to the sufferers by the late tornado at Grinnell, Iowa.

SECRETARY CHANDLER expects to have at the naval construction authorized by the last Congress, completed in fifteen months.

THE firm of R. & C. Degener, New York, in the West coast South American trade, has suspended, with liabilities reported at \$500,000; assets, \$650,000. One cause of the failure was attributed to the impossibility of shipping various products on account of the revolution in Ecuador.

CONDENSED TELEGRAMS.

RETURNS from the Michigan election received on the 3d indicated that both Fusion candidates for Regents were elected. The Democrats and Republicans each claimed one Supreme Judge.

By a gas explosion in the basement of the Palace Hotel, San Francisco, Cal., the other day nine persons were seriously burned.

LOUISA WARDNER EVARTS, daughter of ex-Secretary Evarts, and Dr. Charles D. Scudder were married on the 3d inst. in New York.

RELIGIOUS riots between Buddhists and Catholics in Ceylon recently were quelled only by the troops. Many people were injured.

EIGHT buildings were destroyed by fire at Williamsport, Pa., on the 3d, causing a loss of \$75,000.

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MISSOURI STATE NEWS.

THE LEGISLATURE.

SATURDAY, MARCH 24

In the Senate an adverse report was made on the bill to establish a State Board of Health and control the practice of medicine. It was in a mile of any voting predicted on election day was reported favorably. An amendment was adopted appropriating \$100,000 for the Agricultural Farm at Columbia, increasing the appropriation to \$24,950, but providing that \$9,550 of this amount be used for erecting a laboratory in connection with the School of Mines at Rolla was referred. The Farmers' Club Railroad bill was discussed at length, but no action was taken.

In the House a resolution was adopted allowing contestant and contestee \$100 each as expenses in the Lackland-Grabenhorst contest for a seat from St. Charles County. The resolution relating to a Constitutional Convention was favorably reported. The bill relating to the establishment of corners of land was passed; also the bill relating to legal advertising in St. Louis.

MONDAY, MARCH 25

In the Senate the House amendment to the bill exempting agricultural societies from taxation was concurred in. The bill establishing separate schools for colored children was passed; also, two bills relating to division and consolidation of public schools were indefinitely postponed. The Appropriation bill was taken up and the item for public schools was amended so as to comprise one-fourth of the total revenue.

In the House, the bill to establish an Inebriate Home in Clay County was lost. The bill requiring School Boards to make five years' contracts with textbook publishers was passed; also the bill relating to failure to hold elections for school directors, and several other bills relating to school matters. Other bills were passed: Relating to copies of record in appeal cases, providing for sales of real estate under execution in certain counties. The bill to establish a Lunatic Asylum in Southwestern Missouri was passed; also, a bill requiring railroad companies to give twenty days' notice of change of freight rates.

TUESDAY, MARCH 27

In the Senate some time was consumed in reading enrolled bills. Consideration of the Farmers' Club Railroad bill was resumed under the name of Ballard at the Eutaw House, Baltimore. While there he made the acquaintance of a comely and respectable seamstress named Van Houten. She was dazzled with his pretensions of wealth. He had exhibited to her numerous bank-books containing entries of large deposits, bundles of railroad shares, deeds of property, and other securities. The seamstress accepted the offer, and after a courtship of a few days they were married.

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The Search for the Dead.

BRAIDWOOD, Ill., April 2.

The Diamond mine was the scene of considerable excitement yesterday. The fact that the bodies which had been discovered were to be brought out drew a large crowd, and when, about three o'clock, the news spread that the party who had gone down after the remains had been imprisoned in the roadway while putting the bodies in the coffin the excitement on top was intense.

The wives and relatives of the men in the mine were wild with grief over their prospective deaths. The men did not return when they were expected, and a party was at once sent out to search for them. When the second party had nearly reached the point where the bodies were discovered, they found that a large piece of stone had caved in and blocked up the narrow passageway. The men, however, were soon liberated from their involuntary prison. One of them was so prostrated that he had to be carried home.

The rescued party said they would never go in again. Other searchers who have been working there say they also will not return into the mine. It is thought no further search will be made, as no men can be found who are willing to go down. The bodies were taken out about four o'clock and placed in the morgue. The crowd then passed through and viewed them. They were identified as Thomas Rogers, Hugh Ramsey, Andy Fulton, Ike Pearson, James Pearson, and John Pearson. They could be identified only by their near relatives by the clothes they wore. The funerals will take place to-day at ten o'clock.

"Home, Sweet Home."

NEW YORK, April 2.

Work is to be begun at once at the studio of Moffitt & Doyle, No. 6 Great Jones street, on a monument to mark the resting-place of John Howard Payne, the author of "Home, Sweet Home," in Washington. A plaster cast of a bust of Payne came from New Orleans on the Lone Star, of the Morgan Line, which is lying at her pier at the foot of North Moore street, and will be taken from the steamship to-morrow. It was made by Mr. Alexander Doyle, in New Orleans, where he has been engaged for some time modeling statues of General R. E. Lee, General Albert Sidney Johnston, and Margaret, the New Orleans philanthropist. The monument will be a handsome shaft of Carrara marble, resting on a base of gray granite, and surmounted by a bust one and a half the size of the average. The height of the monument from the ground, including the bust, will be twelve feet, and the base upon which it will rest will be six feet square. The plinth and capital will be carved, but there will be no display. The style of the monument will be old Roman, and a specimen of pure classical art. The bust was modeled to conform to the ideas of W. W. Corcoran, the philanthropist and capitalist of Washington, who brought Payne's remains from Tunis, and who will bear the expense of the monument. It was intended to have the monument erected and ready to be unveiled June 9, on the ninety-first anniversary of Payne's birth, but Mr. John M. Moffitt, who is associated with Mr. Doyle, said to-day the time was too short, and that he did not believe the bust could be finished in time.

Miscellaneous Items.

At three o'clock the other afternoon the Saunders House, in St. Joseph, was discovered to be on fire. The flames were extinguished, but not without great damage to building and contents.

John Pickett, a highly respected farmer, hanged himself with a trace-chain the other day at Odessa, La Fayette County. Charleston has new potatoes already.

An important civil case is to be tried at the next term of the Howell County Circuit Court, involving the title to 100,000 acres of land in Shannon County, the case being taken there on a change of venue. The parties to the suit are C. G. Beiser vs. L. D. Dameron, both of St. Louis.

Milton Margrave, a typo, died at St. Joseph a few days ago. Mr. Margrave had been employed in nearly every daily office in Missouri, having been foreman of the Kansas City Journal, St. Joseph Herald, Omaha Herald, and Topeka Commonwealth. He left two children.

Southeast Missouri is selling cattle to Illinois buyers.

Arrest of an Accomplished Bigamist and Swindler—His Career.

NEW YORK, April 2.

William C. Russell, the check-passer, who is also known by the name of Ballard, Maltby, and other aliases, was taken into custody on Saturday afternoon, while loitering in the neighborhood of the house in which dwelt Miss Van Houten, the young woman whom he married in Baltimore in December last, and abandoned in a few weeks afterward at Earl's Hotel in this city. It was during Detective William McLaughlin's watch that Russell put in an appearance. Arriving near the bank on which he had attempted to pass the forged check, he turned to Detective Sergeant McLaughlin and said: "I am now satisfied that it is your intention to shoot me up. It's no use, I surrender." The prisoner has within the past two years proved to be a skilful forger and "liver down" of worthless checks. When he had made up his mind to become a criminal, Russell, late in the summer of 1881, went to Newburg, N. Y. He appeared there under the name of R. S. Ballard, and in the role of a retired Philadelphia physician and land speculator. He engaged board at the house of a Mrs. Brock and there perfected his schemes. To better carry out his plans and also remove suspicion, he appeared to be smitten with his landlady's daughter. On the 24th of August, 1883, he was married to Miss Amelia Brock, by the Rev. A. McLean, at St. John's Church, Newburg. Two days after his marriage he induced Samuel Ward, a grocer at that place, to cash a check for him. It was for \$100, and was drawn on the Tuxedo bank. He succeeded in passing the check by representing that he had suddenly run short of funds and desired to go to Goshen, N. Y., to search the titles of some property. He left Newburg and his bride on that day, and never returned again. About the middle of November, however, he turned up under the name of Ballard at the Eutaw House, Baltimore. While there he made the acquaintance of a comely and respectable seamstress named Van Houten. She was dazzled with his pretensions of wealth. He had exhibited to her numerous bank-books containing entries of large deposits, bundles of railroad shares, deeds of property, and other securities. The seamstress accepted the offer, and after a courtship of a few days they were married.

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PITH AND POINT.

"What is philosophy?" It is something which enables a rich man to say there is no disgrace in being poor.—N. Y. Herald.

Appearances are apt to be deceitful. The lawyer's green bag, ostensibly crowded with remunerative briefs, may, after all, contain only that lawyer's cold luncheon.

"Oh, pa," said a young lady, "why don't you get a fir tree?" It would be so economical to raise our own furs, and then we could raise whatever kind we wish.—Wheeling Journal.

Teacher:—"Can you multiply together concrete numbers?" (They appear uncertain.) Teacher:—"What will be the product of forty apples multiplied by six pounds of beef?" Small Boy (triumphantly):—"Mince pies."

The number of people who say "them molasses," does not seem to decrease despite the common school system. Perhaps if the schools were not in existence folks would say "them water" and "those vinegar." Let us be thankful for what we have.—Kentucky News.

The King of the Sandwich Islands looks himself in when he gets drunk. It would be well if some Americans were to imitate his example instead of going out in the highways and byways and offering to lick all creation and occupying both sides of the street at one time.—Norristown Herald.

According to the law in Vermont the telegraph companies in that State must paint their poles. We object to such a law in Iowa, at least, if the law should require the painting to be done in red, white and blue. Consider the embarrassment the citizen would be in who requires a shave.—Burlington Hawkeye.

"Madam," he began, as he lifted his hat at the front door, "I am soliciting for home charities. We have hundreds of poor, ragged and vicious children like those at your gate, and our object is—" "Sir! those are my own children!" she interrupted, and the way that front door slammed his toes jarred every hair on his scalp-locks.—N. Y. Post.

A Numerical Courtship—
2 lovers sat beneath the shade,
And I and the other said:
How I love that you be
If a heart it palps a you!
Thy voice is melody—
Thy face is to be loved I
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SCIENCE AND INDUSTRY.

A blacksnake attempted to despoil a beehive in Berkeley County, Va., when the bees attacked the reptile and stung him to death.

A chemist in Germany has introduced a new system of preserving butter by covering it with a layer an inch in thickness of a strong solution of sulphite of lime, which he also used to preserve cider.

In Lyons, France, the cold-bath method of treating typhoid fever has been adopted with marked success. In the civil hospitals the death rate was reduced from twenty-six to nine per cent. and in private practice to one or two per cent.

Speaking of industry in Alabama, the Mobile Register says: "Prosperity to the laborer means prosperity to the employer. In point of fact, our farmers are now nearly all day laborers. The bosses are few and far between, and the drones are nearly all dead."

Professor H. Carmichael, of Bowdoin College, has recently taken out an additional patent on waterproofing paper stock. His processes are now successfully employed in making paper dishes indestructible by hot water, acids, or alkalis. It is understood that he is at work on a rolling material made of paper pulp, which will be practically indestructible.—N. Y. Tribune.

A new French steamship company will soon establish a line between New Orleans and Havre. It is expected that eight vessels will be required. A Liverpool company is also prepared to put a fleet of six steamers afloat to run between Liverpool and New Orleans. The latter city promises to be an important shipping point in the near future.—N. O. Picayune.

Two gentlemen of Mexico have discovered a plant which produces material that, in their opinion, will revolutionize the present linen and silk industries. The plant yields a fiber of great brilliancy, fineness and strength, possesses an admirable affinity for all kinds of dyes and resembles silk more than anything else known. Samples of this fiber are twelve feet in length.

The process for making wrought-iron and steel direct from the ore originated by H. C. Bull, an English inventor, has been tested in Pittsburgh and pronounced a success. At a recent trial two heats were made, each of which only occupied the space of an hour from the time the charge was put in till the iron was withdrawn. The ore was charged cold. The product cost the makers less than six dollars a ton outside of the cost of ore, which is ten dollars in Pittsburgh.

An American engineer, who, being engaged in the construction of a railway in China, has had unusually favorable opportunities of examining the famous Great Wall, gives the following data concerning it: The wall is 1,728 miles long, eighteen feet wide, and fifteen feet thick at the top; the foundation